

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

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**REGULAR MEETING
October 26, 2021**

PRESENT Commissioners Mark Crago, Chair, Tyrel Hamilton, Steve Riveland, members, Shannon Fisher Admin Assistant.

Others Present: Dana Weatherford, Weed District; Stephanie Ray, Economic Development; Maureen Wiltshire, DES; Chip Kem, Sheriff; Marlo Pronovost, Stillwater County News.

PLEDGE Commissioner Crago opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES September 14, 2021. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS None presented.

FILE ITEMS **Commission**
A) Northwestern Energy customer agreement with KLE receipt in the amount of \$3020.00
B) Northwestern Energy customer agreement with KLE receipt in the amount of \$12,091.00
Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to file the file items. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Crago explained that these items are regarding the Absarokee sewer project. The agreement for \$3020.00 is for running gas to the UV building and the \$12,091.00 is for running gas to the new blower building. This will be coming out of the Absarokee sewer project funds. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS **Commission**
A) Resolution 2021-28 authorization to submit MCEP infrastructure planning grant application. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve Resolution 2021-28 authorization to submit MCEP infrastructure planning grant application. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Discussion - Commissioner Crago explained that this is for the planning grant approved at last week’s agenda meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
B) KLJ master services agreement for floodplain administration. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve the KLJ master services agreement for floodplain administration. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion - Commissioner Hamilton noted that this is also for emergency septic inspections. Commissioner Crago added that since the county does not currently have a sanitarian we will be having more of these agreements for services until a new sanitarian is hired. These agreements are on a as needed basis. Motion passed unanimously.
C) COVID-19 sick leave extension. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the COVID-19 sick leave extension. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Discussion - Commissioner Riveland explained that this is a policy that the county initiated through the end of the year which allows employees to receive compensation for up to 10 days if they are out of the office with COVID-19 without using their sick or vacation days. The period of

extension is from October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Commissioner Riveland further explained that with the number of new COVID-19 cases and with several employee's sick with COVID-19 the county wanted to take care of their employees by offering this so they do not have to use up all their sick leave if they have to be away from work. Commissioner Hamilton added that the Federal government extended their leave through the end of September and this is just an extension of what was done on their level Motion passed unanimously.

DES/Fire Warden

A) Option 3 agreement between Stillwater County & DNRC. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve the Option 3 agreement between Stillwater County & DNRC. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion – Maureen Wiltshire explained that this is for if there is a large enough fire and they need assistance from the county, the DNRC will reimburse the county for the services used such as road & bridge services. Commissioner Hamilton added that this will cover the Trout Creek Fire. It was not in place at the time of the Trout Creek Fire but will go back and the county will be reimbursed for the graders that were at the fire. Motion passed unanimously.

B) New LEPC member – Park City Fire Board representative. No action taken.

Weed District Board

A) 2020-057 Bridge Coulee grant extension for existing funds for another year. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the 2020-057 Bridge Coulee grant extension for existing funds for another year. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Discussion – Dana Weatherford explained that in 2019 there were eleven landowners involved. The grant area is between Reed Point and Columbus and it straddles the interstate. Some of the participating landowners have since sold their property. Dana stated that the difficulty of trying to contact the landowners and with it being such a dry year, it was decided to extend the grant. The grant will be revisited in the spring. This is just formalizing the extension. Motion passed unanimously.

B) Letter from the Weed District & Commission for terminating lease at R&G Storage. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve the letter from the Weed District & Commission for terminating the lease at R&G Storage. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COUNTY BUSINESS – None heard.

With no further comments heard the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman

ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder